

REMARKS

Claims 1-16 are pending.

Claims 5, 10 and 12 have been cancelled. Claims 1-9, 11 and 13 have been amended in order to more particularly point out and distinctly claim the present invention. Claim 1 has been amended to include the limitations of claim 5 and to include the phrase "which composition in the course of curing is in contact with nitrogen oxides originating from combustion gases". New claim 14 is supported by original claims 10 and 12. New claims 15 and 16 are supported by original claim 5. No new matter has been added.

Applicants aver that the claims are now in better form for examination. An action on the merits of the claims is respectfully awaited.

In the event that minor amendments will further prosecution, Applicants request that the examiner contact the undersigned representative.

Respectfully submitted,



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